

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 9, 2016

Minutes

The Board of Selectmen met on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Heald Room. Those present were Selectmen Nathan Brown, Lyn Lemaire, Claude von Roesgen, William Risso and Luke Ascolillo. Town Administrator Timothy D. Goddard was also present.

Appointments/Re-appointments

On a motion made by Ms. Lemaire and seconded by Mr. Risso, it was unanimously **VOTED** to re-appoint James Darr to the Finance Committee for a three year term that will expire at the end of the May 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

On a motion made by Ms. Lemaire and seconded by Mr. Ascolillo, it was unanimously **VOTED** to make the following two changes to the Zoning Board of Appeals: appoint Lisa Davis Lewis as an associate member from a full member [term expiring June 30, 2018] and appoint Travis Snell as a full member from an associate member [term expiring June 30, 2017].

The Liaison list and Goals/Agenda from 2015/16 were presented to the Board for their review. Mr. Brown noted that two people were assigned to each goal. The Selectmen discussed their 'goals' and future agenda items.

Ms. Lemaire believed that the Board's goals should include sustainability and keeping the tax increase at 2%. She said the goals should channel the Board and provide guidance for how the Board thinks about things. Ms. Lemaire suggested that if something is a goal for the Board of Selectmen it should be an agenda item, discussed during a public meeting, and it should be something the entire Board agrees to. She did not want granular goals or a to-do-list.

Ms. Lemaire said she looked into how other Towns plan their agenda. She explained how they processed agenda items.

Mr. Brown said he would prefer to have goals that are more granular and that are worked on throughout the year rather being responsive to things as they arise. He pointed out that not all the work accomplished by the Board is done at their meetings but rather outside of the meetings.

Mr. Brown said we need three things; 1) over-all Goals, 2) the goals, which everyone may not agree with, and 3) the agenda.

Mr. Ascolillo liked the idea of thoroughly vetting everything. He believed however that it would be better to have one or two people thoroughly vet or investigate an issue before the Board meets to discuss same. Mr. Ascolillo said it is necessary to gather core information before a discussion.

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Mr. von Roesgen believed that the Board of Selectmen should be in charge of the budget and that the budget process should begin earlier.

Mr. Brown suggested meeting with the other Boards and Committees more often. He was concerned that there is no formal way to find out what these committees do.

Mr. Brown said the Board is not very efficient time-wise at their meeting. He suggested a few ways the Board can achieve reducing the length of the meetings. He also noted that the Board of Selectmen has to be willing to make hard decisions.

Mr. Brown said the Chair needs to manage the meeting just as the Town Moderator runs Town Meeting. He said as he chairs the Selectmen's meeting, everyone will get to ask one question, through the chair.

Summary

Ms. Lemaire said she wanted to have another meeting like this one. She suggested that the Board focus on 'arching goals' and review the Town of Provincetown's agenda. She supported a tiered agenda. Ms. Lemaire added that she would like to maximize openness and public participation.

Mr. Brown proposed that at the end of each meeting the Board go over the future agenda items listed in the Town Administrator's report and decide which ones they would like to discuss at a future Selectmen's meeting. He re-iterated that the roll of the chairman is to manage the meeting and the agenda. Mr. Brown suggested that the Board members ask the Chairman to consider an agenda item. He suggested keeping track of the list of agenda items at the end of the Town Administrator's Report.

Mr. Brown said at future meetings he will work on keeping agenda items more structured and on time.

Mr. Brown asked the Board to think about possible arching goals. He said the goals submitted to him will be prioritized, drafted, and presented in an organized form at a regular Board of Selectmen's meeting.

The Board reviewed last year's Liaison List and each member chose the Boards and Committees they wanted to be assigned to for 2016/2017.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Arena